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Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Hampden: SS. To the constable of the Town of Tolland in the County of Hampden.

Greetings:

IN THE NAME OF The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall (241 West Granville Road), Tuesday, the ninth (9) day of August next at 3:00 in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles.

TO VOTE BY BALLOT FOR THE FOLLOWING:

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Tolland be allowed to assess an additional \$20,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of property revaluation for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand five.

QUESTION 2

Shall the Town of Tolland be allowed to assess an additional \$20,133.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of the Police Chief's, Sergeant's and one officer's Salaries and Expenses for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand five.

Question 3

Shall the Town of Tolland be allowed to assess an additional \$3,730.37 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of a 3% cost of living raise for the Town's Administrative Assistant, Assessor's Clerk, Accounting Officer, DPW Superintendent and DPW Full time worker.

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Tolland be allowed to assess an additional \$6,504.79 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of DPW part time staff salary for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand five.

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Tolland be allowed to assess an additional \$33,710.32 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of DPW Construction and Maintenance for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand five.

QUESTION 6

Shall the Town of Tolland be allowed to assess an additional \$45,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of study and design services for a Garage/Emergency Service Complex for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand five.

Straight talk about the August 9th override vote.

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Tolland be allowed to assess an additional \$20,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of property revaluation for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand five.

• The state requires property revaluations. We have to pay for it weather it comes from an over ride or from our limited Free Cash.

QUESTION 2

Shall the Town of Tolland be allowed to assess an additional \$20,133.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of the Police Chief's, Sergeant's and one officer's Salaries and Expenses for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand five.

•An operating Police Dept. is one of the basic services provided by a community. Without this department emergency calls such as motor vehicle accidents and medical calls will be handled by The Massachusetts State Police. Non emergency calls such as permits & investigations will also be handled by the Russell Barracks.

QUESTION 3

Shall the Town of Tolland be allowed to assess an additional \$3,730.37 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of a 3% cost of living raise for the Town's Administrative Assistant, Assessor's Clerk, Accounting Officer, DPW Superintendent and DPW Full time worker.

•A 3% cost of living increase is just that. There are no merit raises included in this.

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Tolland be allowed to assess an additional \$6,504.79 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of DPW part time staff salary for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand five.

•The part time summer help assists all of the extra duties of the department that are required. Our 2 men (DPW Department) are down to one when they take their earned vacations. Also, when our 2 men are working on a major project the part time help can continue to work on our day to day operations.

OUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Tolland be allowed to assess an additional \$33,710.32 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of DPW Construction and Maintenance for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand five.

•We cannot expect our DPW department to function with minimal manpower and zero materials to work with.

QUESTION 6

Shall the Town of Tolland be allowed to assess an additional \$45,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of study and design services for a Garage/Emergency Service Complex for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand five.

•For the past ten years we have been told by out DPW Supervisor that a new roof is need ed on the town garage. Each year due to budget concerns it was one of the first things cut. Now the building condition is such that replacement may be the best option. In last months Tattler a citizen identified safety concerns with our current building. He notified our Building Inspector in writing of his concerns. The Building Inspector by law must act on this. The State Building Inspector and Board of Health are scheduled to tour the building.

None of us as property owners would allow our homes to get into this condition. Do we as a community wish to allow it?

Respectfully submitted by Concerned Citizens of Tolland / Paid for by Concerned Citizens of Tolland

Tolland Open Space Committee Invites you to a tour of

Ashintully Gardens

Sodem Road, Tyringham, MA

10:00 a.m. Tour begins

Saturday, September 10, 2005

We will meet in the Tolland Town Hall parking lot at 9:15 a.m. to convoy to Tyringham. Or you may meet us directly at the property. There is no charge for the tour. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Ashintully Gardens is a property of the Massachusetts Trustees of Reservations and is one of numerous Berkshire and Connecticut River Valley properties open to the public.

Steve McMahon, Director of the Trustees of Reservations Western Mass. Division, will show us these fabulous sculptured and landscaped gardens and will talk to us about the work of the Trustees in our area. The Tolland Open Space Committee is beginning a series of talks and tours to familiarize residents with the many wonderful sites and resources being conserved in our area and with the organizations that protect them.

More information about Ashintully Gardens & Arboretum and directions are available at http://www.thetrustees.org/pages/251_ashintully_gardens.cfm Ashintully is very close to Tyringham and Bartholomew's Cobble Trustees property.

Contact Gloria Gery at 413 258 4693 or gloriagery@juno.com if you would like further information. If you can, please contact Gloria to let the Committee know you are coming, but it's not necessary to reserve.

Tolland COA Yoga Class

The Tolland Council on Aging is offering a Gentle Yoga Class on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. at the Tolland Town Hall through 31. A small donation is requested. The class is open to persons from any town. Sally Barber of the Westfield Yoga Center teaches the class in such a way that students of different abilities and skills are all able to participate at their own pace including those who have never done yoga and those who cannot get down on a mat on the floor.

Yoga is a wonderful exercise that stretches and strengthens muscles and improves balance and well being. It is permissible for persons to come to the class even if they were not able to attend the first session or cannot go to all the classes. The class is funded primarily through a grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

For more information, please call Susan Kaufman, Yoga Class Coordinator, at 258-4282 or Gert McKay, COA Chairperson, at 258-3336.

Save the Date!

September 12, 2005 7:00 p.m. at Tolland TownHall

Public Hearing on Proposed Town of Tolland Bylaw Revisions

On Monday, September 12, 2005 there will be a Public Hearing to obtain citizen input on the proposed Zoning Bylaw revisions that have been under development for the past two years. The Planning Board will structure a discussion about the proposed changes.

Copies of the proposed Bylaw document will be available at www.tolland-ma.gov http://www.tolland-ma.gov and at the Town Hall and Library as of August 15th. There will also be a summary of the proposed changes in the September Tattler and copies will be available with the Zoning Bylaw document. The Zoning Bylaw Review Committee has worked hard on this document. Members include Chair, Gloria Gery, Gert McKay, Jeffery Parrette, Susan Voudren, Kathy Bonadies, James Joyce and Eric Munson, Jr.

The Planning Board has been intimately involved in the process of developing these revisions and endorses the committee's recommendations. We hope you will be there to provide your input.

Following the Public Hearing, the Planning Board will consider citizen input in determining whether to make further revisions. Tentatively, we expect to present the proposed Zoning Bylaw at a Special Town Meeting in November 2005 unless it is determined that further Public Hearings are necessary.

Stephen McAlister Chair, Tolland Planning Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Tolland Planning & Zoning Board, acting as Special Permit Granting Authority, will conduct a Public Hearing at 7:00 pm on Monday, August 15, 2005, to receive public commentary relating to a Special Permit Application by Bell Atlantic Mobile of Massachusetts, Ltd., dba Verizon Wireless, to modify the antenna types and configuration for improved service, at their existing cellular tower on property of Crown Atlantic LLC on East Otis Road, Assessors Map 403, Lot 31, Registry of Deeds Book 10711, Page 493.

Based on an initial review of the proposal, the visual and environmental effects of the modifications are believed by the Tolland Planning Board to be minimal in nature. The proposal and application are on file with the Tolland Town Clerk for public inspection.

Stephen McAlister Chairman, Tolland Planning & Zoning Board / Special Permit Granting Authority

Tolland Volunteers and the Tutova Orphanage in Romania....

An all-Tolland volunteer team will be going to volunteer at the Tutova Orphanage in Romania..... Cindy Lawler, Nancy and Phil Grannan, Susan Voudren and Gloria and Bob Gery Associates.

If any readers wish to contribute to the purchase of supplies and equipment for the clinic, please contact Gloria Gery at 258-4693 or email her at gloriagery@juno.com.

Tolland Library

Summer goes by just too quickly. Here we are already in August and "Back to School" signs are already up in the stores. There is still one more month to read on the beach, in the hammock, on the porch, in the grass, in the tree fort, or where ever makes you happy.

We have new books for everyone. Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince is in (just in case you didn't go out on midnight July 16th). Also in are 1776 by David McCullough, High Plains Tango by Robert James Waller, various Animal Arc books and the Alex Rider series by Anthony Horowitz. KIDS...DON'T READ THIS NEXT PART...We have a series of Homework Reference books by Scholastic for when school resumes. They will help students and parents answer those sticky questions such as "How do you find the volume of a cone?"

New movies in and about to arrive are Coach Carter, Dear Franky, and Million Dollar Baby. I highly recommend the latter. Hard to believe Clint Eastwood made it this far from those spaghetti westerns. Hillary Swank does a great job in this movie. Don't watch it without tissues near by. Difficult issues at hand...



It is not too late to get involved with the summer reading challenge. Please stop by the Library for details. Please also don't forget about your summer reading for school. I know it doesn't feel fun but it is really important.

Enjoy August!

HARTFORD BRASS QUINTET COMES TO SANDISFIELD... On Saturday, August 6th at 8 P.M. the Sandisfield Arts Center welcomes the Hartford Brass Quintet, featuring some of the finest and most experienced brass players in Connecticut. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Reservations may be phoned in (413) 258-4100 or emailed to Sotis@starband.net.

Begun primarily as a Sunday night get-together for reading through quintet literature, the Hartford Brass Quintet has emerged as one of the leading brass ensembles in the Northeast with a repertoire ranging from Bach to Bernstein. The group features Leslie Rottner and Peter Olson on trumpets, Roger Caruk on horn, Fred Bagnall on trombone, and Daniel Green on tuba. All perform with other groups including the Manchester and West Hartford Symphonies, the Hartford Jazz Orchestra, and Strictly Swing.

The Sandisfield Arts Center is located on Hammertown Road, off Route 57 in Sandisfield. Once a Baptist meeting house and orthodox synagogue, the historic 1839 building now serves as a community arts center known for its country charm and great acoustics. In the downstairs Café, from 4:30-6:30 P.M., there will be a wine and cheese reception and art exhibit called "Travel Sketchbook: Watercolors and Pen and Ink Sketches" by local artist, Sandy Parisky. For more information and directions, visit www.sandisfieldartscenter.org

LOBSTER DINNER WILL BENEFIT SANDISFIELD PARK...Sandisfield – Friends of Yanner Park will host a lobster dinner on Saturday, August 20th from 5pm-7pm at Firehouse No. 2 on Route 57 in Sandisfield. For \$15, diners will feast on fresh Maine lobster, corn on the cob, salad, coleslaw, cake and coffee. A children's meal featuring hotdogs instead of lobster will also be available. Proceeds from the dinner will be used to create a park on a 250-acre parcel of land donated to the town of Sandisfield by the late Jack Yanner. Tickets for the dinner should be purchased in advance by calling (413) 258-4904 or sending an email to xxtramktg@aol.com. Tickets are also available at the Sandisfield Town Dump on August 6th and 13th. For more information, visit www.yannerpark.org

Letters to the Editor

To All Property Owners of Tolland:

As a Tolland property owner and a retired Fire Chief who has been in the fire service for over 40 years, I am dismayed and shocked at the short-sightedness of the voting public of Tolland in not supporting the Fire Department and Police Department. They are the first responders to any emergency in the town. The morale in these departments is at an all time low because the town won't support them. Canceling these services will result in higher insurance costs for your property, loss of medical service by first responders, and increased losses due to delayed responses by relying on neighboring towns for fire service. In these times of increasing property values and population growth is this really what the people of Tolland deserve?

Please consider the impact of your lack of support of these essential services on your life and property and urge the town to provide adequate moral and financial support to maintain a reasonable level of service. This means supporting a new safety complex for the town as the original Fire House is not habitable due to its condition.

Sincerely yours, Ray Salmonsen



Save Black Fly Day!

Call for new officers for BFD 2006

WE ALL LOVE BLACK FLY DAY! The 11th Black Fly Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 3, 2006. Officers for the 2006 Committee are needed because the present officers must resign after years of gallant service.

Obviously, without officers Black fly Day cannot continue....Black Fly Day 2006 needs a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary as well as an Assistant Facilities Manager.

Creating this wonderful event is a lot of work, and terrifically enjoyable. You will laugh and tear your hair and be part of something both unique and constructive.

These officers may be from any of the towns of Tolland, Granville, Otis or Sandisfield. Meetings are held at the Tolland Town Hall.

If you or a group are interested in saving Black Fly Day, please contact former Committee Chair Sue Voudren by mail at 157 Hartland Road, Tolland MA 01034, or by email at svoudren@juno.com.

Deadline for inquiries is September 15, but act right away.

COUNTRY FAIR

August 13, 2005, 10-3PM

Sponsored by the Sandisfield Historical Society

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TAG SALE, Vendors, Adult and Kids' auctions, Kids' activities, Baked goods, Home made Clam chowder and More

Location: American Legion pavilion on Route 8, in Sandisfield, south of Rt. 57

For Information or be a Vendor: call 413-258-4705 or 413-258-4059



The Sandisfield Historical Society

Commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the "1955 Flood"

Time: August 20, 2005 from 7 - 9 PM

Place: Sandisfield Historical Society Meeting House on Rt. 183 South of Rt. 57

Members of the community will speak about their remembrances of the flood. There will be copies of pictures and newspaper articles to view.

Refreshments will be served. This is a free event and everyone is welcome.

Call: 258-4786 for further information



Jazz To Baroque Concert

August 27, 2005 at 8 PM

Featuring Jazz Guitar Virtuoso & composer Chad McLoughlin and "The Double String Duo"

Location: American Legion Pavilion on RT 8

South of RT 57 in Sandisfield

Tickets: \$10.00. For Info and reservations call

413-258-4520 or 413-258-2898

Sponsored by the Music Store in Great Barrington To benefit the Sandisfield Historical Society

Renaissance, Baroque, classical music and Jazz, as played on the twelve-string guitar and five string double bass - The Double String Duo is anything but ordinary. Their performances have wowed audiences in the tri-State area. This Aug. 27, the double String Duo will perform a benefit concert here in the Berkshires at the American Legion Hamilton Grove in New Boston, with special guest performer Jazz and fusion guitar virtuoso Chad McLaughlin. This concert will benefit the Sandisfield /Historical Society's building fund.

Double String Duo members Jason Kessler and Rick Eckberg have pioneered the use of their unusual instruments to bring a new sound and style to contemporary and traditionally played repertoire from jazz to classical and fusion. Both Messrs. Kessler and Eckberg have performed at major jazz festivals. One of today's premiere jazz and fusion guitar virtuosi, guest performer guitarist and composer Chad McLaughlin has played with band members of many of today's most popular groups including Eric Clapton, Sting, Bruce Springsteen, Joni Mitchell and Joe Zawinal among many others. His mastery of the "sweep pick" technique allows him to bring extraordinary brilliance to the already extraordinary Double String Duo.

Mr. Jason Kessler has taken pieces traditionally played on classical nylon string guitar or lute and those never played on guitar at all (Vivaldi Concerto in D Major RV93, Bach Lute suite in E Minor and Mason Williams' Baroque-a-Nova) and performed them on his twelve-string steel guitars, handmade by Master Luthier George Lowden.

The enormous power and presence of these instruments as well as their shimmering sustain and brilliant overtones bring new expression and scope to variety of classical and jazz pieces. A marvelous evening of Jazz to Baroque music is in store for audiences attending this concert sponsored by the Music Store on Route 7 in Great Barrington, where tickets will be available in August. Tickets are \$10.00. Call 258-4520 or 258-2898 for further information or to make a reservation.



Blues on the Green

A blues concert will be held on the

Granville Town Green at 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, August 6.

Bring a picnic if you want and enjoy the music.

It's free.

Rain location is the Old Meeting House.

Sponsored by the Granville and Massachusetts Cultural Councils, Granville Tolland Lions Club and Bob Rahn and Park Square Realty.





Sunday, August 28th - 11 A.M. at the Tunxis Club Tolland Ladies Luncheon

Free to all ladies from Tolland - Reservations a must by August 25th

Call Todd at 258-4875

Tunxis Hostess: Susan Clemow

Tolland Council on Aging

Tolland COA Ice Cream Social & Classic Movie

The Tolland Council on Aging would like to invite elders 60 years and older to come to an ice cream social at the Town Hall on Thursday, August 4, 2005 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. A classic film (the title to be announced) will also be shown. You do not have to bring anything. The Town Hall is cool! This will be a chance to get together with friends and neighbors that have been staying in out of the heat and humidity of the past weeks. Seniors will receive a call to find out if they can attend so that we can get enough ice cream. At that time, the title of the movie will be revealed. For more information or if you do not receive a call, please contact Gert McKay, Tolland COA Chairperson, at 258-3336.



COA Consortium Meets August 5

The Southern Hilltown Council on Aging Consortium will hold its summer meeting on Friday, August 5, 2005 at the Russell Town Hall, 65 Main St., Russell, at 1:00 p.m. The Consortium is made up of the COA Chairpersons and representatives from eight towns in the Southern Hilltowns including Blandford, Chester, Granville, Huntington, Middlefield, Montgomery, Russell, and Tolland. The meeting provides a forum to share ideas, discuss regional issues, learn about new programs available, and plan to meet gaps in services regarding elders in the region. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, please call Elethea Goodkin, Regional COA Coordinator, at 413-562-1095.

"Wednesday Nites @ Town Hall"

A drop-in group is meeting 6:30 until 9:00 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Town Hall. Bring along your latest craft project to work on to share. We have Mahjongg, Mexican Train and Cribbage playhers, but we need more bodies. Gentlemen, don't be afraid to come...this is not just a craft group. We started getting together in June and look forward to seeing our group grow. This is not a "club"... drop by every week, once a month, once a year - just come whenever your schedule allows or after a raining week and a bad dose of cabin fever!

Already we have made new friends as we sit, relax, chat and "do our thing". We share stories of our lives, interests, craft ideas and much more. *Won't you join us?*

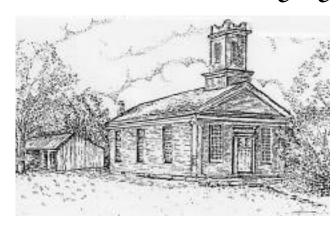
Granville Federated Church

The Granville Federated Church will hold a Vacation Bible School program for the week of August 8 - 12 from 9am to 12 noon at the church. The theme for the week will be "Circus Spectacular" and features Davey and Goliath.

Children are invited to join in and enjoy Bible stories, crafts, indoor games, outdoor activities and singing. A snack will be served each day.

The cost is \$15.00 for your first child, \$10.00 for each additional child. Some scholarship money is available. For more information or scholarship application, please contact Allison at 357-8668 or Cathy at 357-0946.

Tolland Congregational Church



The Tolland Congregational Church on the Green will be conducting Sunday Services, starting July 10th and ending on August 28th, 2005.

Services will begin at 10:30am.

All are welcome.

2005 Granville Harvest Fair Columbus Day Weekend

Applications are now available for artists and craftsmen to apply for booth space at the 24th Annual Harvest Fair, Columbus Day Weekend, October 8,9 and 10.

The following organizations may be contacted by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to:

Federated Church - Jenny Maceyka, 173 South Lane Old Meeting House - Coralie Stevenson, P.O. Box 193 Town Green - Linda Blakesley, 397 Main Road Town Library - Nancy Petersen, P.O. Box 222 Village School - Jennifer Kinsman, P.O. Box 195

Granville, Massachusetts 01034

Tolland Weather

Elevation: 1500 feet above sea level For the period: June 17 to July 17, 2005

	MAX.	DATE	TIME	MIN.	DATE	TIME
TEMPERATURE	93	June 26	2pm	47	June 23	5am
HUMIDITY	100% several times			6%	June 30	1pm
DEWPOINT	75	June 29	12pm	0	June 30	1pm .
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE	30.3	June 20	7am	29.68	July 1	6pm
WIND SPEED/DIRECTION	25mphN	July 10	11am			
WIND CHILL						
TOTAL RAINFALL	6.17"					

Comments. 3.12" of rain recorded in 2 1/2 hours on the evening of July 15.

- Town Hall Hours:

 Mon. & Tues. 8:00am to 4:00pm

 Wed. from 8:00am to 12pm



Assessor Clerk's hours: Monday 10am-4pm Town Clerk hours: Monday 2 - 4pm



<u>AUGUST 2005</u>

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